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fighting for a lost cause"

Free and United in Hope

By East German Bishop

Friederich Wilhelm Krummacker

are never fighting for a lost
even if our present church forms
have to be discontinued be-
the future does not belong to
the traditional form of the church,
ly to the Lord Himself."

who live in countries ruled by
nism and are aware of the radi-
changes in our social conditions,
the duty as well as the freedom
to examine the question
or not the traditional paro-
system of the folk-church should
be replaced by new forms," he said.
possible change, he added,
be from the traditional semi-
church form prevalent in Germa-
new forms of free and active
participations ready to witness and
be to battle."

Throughout his address, the East
German bishop stressed that "pain,
suffering and persecution are some
means by which the Lord
purifies His church," and that in to-
day's world "the church will experi-
ence new that seasons of tribulation,
suffering and even bloody persecu-
tion may be especially blessed and
valuable."

He has been permitted to observe
the connection between persecution
and revival in the heavily decimated
congregations east of the
border," he stated.

His formerly German territory,
which was occupied by Poland after
World War II, evangelical church life
has withered since the time of the
partition, the bishop explained.

"Since twelve years," he added,
there are only a few faithful lay-
men left, men and women, to
gather the scattered church members

around Word and Sacrament while
the large majority of the inhabitants
are either communists or Roman
Catholics."

However, Bishop Krummacker em-
phasized, "where Christians suffer for
Christ's sake the situation is never
hopeless, but, on the contrary, full of
promise because in the midst of such
suffering the light of Christ's glory
shines brightly."

In East Germany, he added, "the fel-
lowship of suffering and pain, as well
as intercession and help across chasms
of ideological and political differences"
has been "one of our really heart-
cheering experiences of the past few
years."

Especially, he noted, young people
of confirmation age who have to
choose between church confirmation
and Communist-sponsored atheist
"youth-dedication" have "experienced
the truth of Christ's eschatological
promise, 'Whoever shall confess me
before men, him will I confess also
before my Father in heaven.'"

"There is no way for a church that
acknowledges the unseen Lord to be
the ruler of the universe and serves
Him alone to avoid suffering and per-
secution here on earth," but "when
Christ frees a man, He frees him also
from cowardice," the bishop declared.

A church that carries the designa-
tion 'holy and apostolic,' " he contin-
ued, "ought to be amazed and even
terrified if its course here on earth
is smooth and unobstructed."

Therefore, he added, "Christians who
bear the cross while they are on the
way to meet their Lord, should be less
afraid of affliction and suffering than
of the insidious temptation to conform

One of the most frank and courage-
ous addresses at LWA was given by
Bishop Krummacker of Pomerania.
We have lifted some of the best pas-
sages out of the address.

in their church to the outward splen-
dor of this world."

"Where the altars of substitute re-
ligions are erected or where earthly
paradise is promised in place of the
Christian hope for the coming of the
Lord," he said, "there Christians to-
day face the same situation as the
early Christians who refused to offer
incense to Caesar and said, 'We must
obey God rather than man.'"

Bishop Krummacker described "each
and every service as 'a token of tri-
umphant hope,' even though only a
handful of faithful disciples may be
gathered in a catacomb, or prison
camp, or in some remote corner in a
country inhabited by millions of non-
Christians."

"The coming Lord unites us all in
the fellowship of intercession, even
those who are quite isolated from the
rest of us, for instance in Siberia or
China, and on a larger scale also the
minority or diaspora churches, scatter-
ed here and there among the nations;
they are all precious 'seed grains of
hope,'" he added.

The speaker stressed that "the duty
to exercise loving service' exists "even
in such situations where the church
has been deprived of a place in public
life."

"In many cases," he said, "in a filthy
prison cell, or behind the barbed wire
of a concentration camp, for instance,
when a man shares his last crust of
dry bread with a hungry fellow prison-
er instead of eating it himself—a
simple act of love is much more ef-
fective than many fine words."

"The coming Lord victorious in
Whom we hope and Who will some
day establish His glorious rule," he
added, "walks among us even now,
hidden among the lowly and crushed,

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News and Notes

Salmonhurst, N. B., Canada. Bethany Lutheran Church, Fred V. Jensen, pastor, has introduced the Church Paper in every home plan sometime ago. We are happy to have one more congregation on the honor roll. Your editor is particularly happy for the readers from Salmonhurst, because this was his first charge, and he knows a good many of the folks there personally.

Westby Mont. Daneville Lutheran Church Ejvind H. Nielsen, pastor, has lost one of its very active young men. Ruben Johnson has passed away at the age of 27. He was active as trustee, choir member, usher, etc.

The community has been hard hit by drought and hail, so much of the crop is destroyed. The congregation sent two young men to the LWA at Minneapolis, Richard Johnson and Lowell Whitmeyer.

Eugene Ore. Bethesda Luth. Church, Ingward Olsen, pastor.

Daily vacation Bible school was conducted by a staff of 9 teachers, June 17-21. They had a record enrollment of 178 children.

The Pro Deo et Patria award was presented to Life Scout Kenneth Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jensen. He is the second to receive that award in our church.

Mr. Arben Sime "Wandering Musical Missionary," presented a 60 min. program of sacred music, playing unusual instruments, at our brotherhood family night, one being a pitchfork he had made into an instrument at the age of eleven.

Thirty-seven Luther Leaguers together with Mr. and Mrs. Geo Aagaard chartered a bus July 21st for their annual coast trip. They worshiped at a Luth. church in Florence, Ore. and spent the rest of the day at Lake Cleawax. Pastor Olsen joined them in the afternoon and remained for fire-side and devotions.

A picnic for the elderly people was held.

The wedding of Alice Nichols and Harley Lassen was solemnized in Bethesda church, Aug. 17, 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Eiler Kaldahl cele-

brated their Silver Wedding Anniversary Sun. Aug 25.

At the present time there are three sons of Bethesda training in the armed forces, namely: Thomas D. Kaldahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eiler Kaldahl, stationed in Alaska; Ivan Holte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Holte and Bruce Mortensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holge Mortensen, with the marines in San Diego, Calif.

Pastor Ezra Jangare, a native pastor of our Sudan Mission field, was guest speaker Sun. Sept. 1st.

Lutheran World Assembly Items

Leaders of the LWF have expressed their views on the recently concluded Assembly at Minneapolis. Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary, said that the Assembly "more than fulfilled my expectations in every respect." Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, new president of the federation said "at Lund we learned to march together, at Hanover we learned to worship together, at Minneapolis we learned to think together."

More than \$116,000 was received at the 11-day Assembly at Minneapolis. This sum was more than had been expected. It was unexpected that the plenary sessions would be so well attended. Each session was \$1.00 per person, and \$40,517 was derived from this source.

A documentary film of the Assembly will be made available as soon as possible.

Danish Theologians, Doctors Regin Prenter and K. E. Skydsgaard, were rather prominent in the discussions at Minneapolis. The Christian Century singled them out among the other theologians at the Assembly.

New Bible Translation

The Holy Bible from the Peshitta, the Authorized Bible of the Church of the East, By George M. Lamsa, A. J. Holman Company, \$12.50.

The Peshitta is the Syriac Version of the Bible. By Syriac is meant Aramaic, which was the language used in Palestine at the time of Christ. This text is still used from the Medi-

terranean east into India. Christ and his Apostles used Aramaic in their daily language. Therefore it is considered that this Syriac version often is closer to the original in meaning than the Greek, from which our New Testament is translated.

Your editor does not have sufficient knowledge to judge in these matters, but we have read enough of this translation to state that it often gives fresh insight into a passage. The translation makes easy and pleasant reading.

SEMINAR ON THE FAMILY AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Theo. I. Jensen

The Christian church is often accused of failure to deal realistically with the problems which are a part of the complicated twentieth century. Too often the charge is justified. We could wish that all who have been inclined to feel that the church is nothing but old platitudes for men and women asking for guidance in the complex modern day living could have listened in on a very significant meeting of church leaders at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, the week immediately before the opening of the Lutheran World Federation Assembly. It was the Seminar on the Family and Christian Education.

As the name would suggest, the subject of the seminar was the family—the problems which tend to destroy the family and what can be done to help youth and married couples build the kind of home and life that God intends. Specific sub-topics which received attention were divorce and remarriage, sound thinking and decision in the area of sex education and premarital counseling, mixed marriages, the family as a place of education in what it takes to build a Christian home and community, teen-aided parenthood and birth control considered from the point of view of Christianly responsible parenthood. Five long days were devoted to serious thought and discussion of these and other related matters.

A glance of the seminar proceedings should assure anyone that the serious and thoughtful discussion moved on the plane of basic consideration of the problems at hand. There were

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Editorials and Comments

THE DAY AFTER

this time the Minneapolis Assembly is over. The delegates are on the way home. The leaders are beginning to put into motion some of the decisions. Theologians will begin to evaluate what came out of the study of the document, Christ Frees and Unites. Laymen, who read about it, will also ask, what came out of it and was it worth the effort?

It is of course impossible to say very much right now. Such a great event must crystallize before its significance is felt. So far we have only carried good and reliable reports. How could we do anything else. We did experience that it was good for fellow believers to be together. We certainly believe that it was of value to some of the men and women of Japan, Indonesia, and Africa to meet the men and the churches here. Once upon a time brought them the gospel.

On our way home we stopped for a cup of coffee in St. Paul, Minn. A man from India came and sat beside us and ordered a coke. We saw that he had the emblem of delegate to the Lutheran Assembly on his coat. We got to talk to him. "Are you a pastor?" he asked. "Yes, I am a pastor and I am president of the church," was the answer. "How many members do you have in that church?" "250,000!"

We have thought a great deal about that since. As the Lutherans get together in the future, we shall find that these men from the younger churches will get to have more and more influence. Colonialism is a thing of the past, and the churches, the younger churches, will get more and more independent. They will train their own young men by professors of their own church, and they will bring ideas and new insights to our churches.

Fifty years ago no native Lutheran president of a church of 250,000 members in India would have been sitting discussing church in that manner in any place in the world.

A big Assembly as that in Minneapolis may fail to bring out the deep concern of the church. Even the men behind the iron curtain seemed to talk almost in the same manner as those on this side of the curtain. The one idea did come out in the study: The church must not attempt "to equate her own words with the Word of God, her theological statements about Christ with the living Word Himself, the repetition of venerable confessions with living confession." It called the church to repentance.

The joy of meeting one another and in the reports that the church has been doing, there is always the tendency to forget that it is in the contrite heart of God that we must be careful that we do not become satisfied. That goes for a local congregation, and it goes for a world church too.

It was good to hear that this voice was evident. The Roman Catholic Church does not seem to have the same sense of penitence. She is the only right church in the world in our eyes.

The exhibits did show what the Lutheran Church is doing throughout the world. In that respect we had before us that we are not to be hearers only but doers.

Yet it may be well to ask ourselves if we are willing to follow the great visions brought before us. The first page article today brings out the fact that we must obey Christ under any and all circumstances. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the young theologian who was hung a few weeks before the end of World War II, because of his plotting against Hitler, was a disciple of Christ who said, if the Christian faith is worth having it is worth living. He tried all through his life to apply his faith to life.

The Christian life must be lived out in the world, where the temptations are raging, where dangers are lurking. It must be lived every day and in every situation. If I say I believe, I must also be ready to risk my life on that faith. If I say that I trust in God, I must trust in him. No doubt we shall hear more about Bonhoeffer in the future for he was a shining example of a man who lived his faith.

He did not live on cheap grace as some of us do. Cheap grace does not release us and it does not make us follow Christ.

In closing let us say that it is a humbling experience to fellowship with so many Christians and have the call of Christ presented so clearly for 10 days. It bothers us that we are so weak when it comes to realize our faith in actual life.

We hope that much inspiration to live for Christ may result from the Assembly, both here in America and throughout the world.

At Your Next Council Meeting

October 13-20 will be the dates for Church Paper Week. We suggest that the church councils and the pastors make this an item of the agenda for the next church council meeting. The congregations who have the paper in every home, will continue to do so. We are trying to get the congregations who do not have the paper in every home to discuss the matter.

Let us say that this method, a **paper in every home**, is getting to be the standard method in nearly all Lutheran Churches in America. We have about 115 congregations who use this method, and some 70 who don't. We would like to urge you seriously to consider the matter seriously. We believe it will help you in several ways.

1. It will make the members better informed.
2. It will make them get the sense of belonging to the church.
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4. It will enrich their spiritual life.

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Church News from here and there

AELC ADOPTS NEW CONSTITUTION, APPROVES UNION DISCUSSIONS

A revised constitution including a controversial article on confession and doctrine was adopted by the American Evangelical Lutheran Church at its 80th annual convention at Ringsted, Iowa.

The constitution was first approved by the AELC last year but the agreement of two conventions was necessary to legalize the new document. As in 1956, the so-called "word of God" paragraph provoked sharp debate as at least 15 speakers took the floor during the two-hour discussion.

With a two-thirds majority necessary for adoption, the constitution passed into law by a margin of five votes as 167 delegates voted in favor and 75 voted against.

Text of the disputed article follows: "We believe that the Word of God, which was Jesus Christ in the flesh, is living and active for salvation in God's people, the Church, in the proclamation of the gospel and in the salutary acts of the sacraments. We believe that the Bible (the prophetic and apostolic scriptures of the Old and New Testament and the God-inspired, recorded proclamation of the Church) is the word of God, normative for faith and practice."

The new confessional statement, according to AELC leaders, marks a return to the historic language of Lutheranism by referring to the Bible as the word of God.

That particular usage has been avoided since the 1890's when a sharp controversy on the question of literalism divided the Danish Lutherans in America.

The AELC has a tradition of "liberality" on its view of scripture and there was concern at both this year's convention and last year's meeting that the new statement might be understood as a reversal of the view of the past 60 years.

However, the large majority of delegates favoring the change point-

ed out that the statement specifically speaks of Jesus Christ as the Word of God. It then moves on to assert the reality of the Christian faith in baptism and the Church. In the context of this faith, it speaks of the Bible as the word of God.

In this manner, spokesmen of the AELC said, it recognizes the primacy of scripture in statement as it has always done in practice.

MINISTERS URGED TO TRANSMIT 'VOICE OF CHRIST'

Some 500 Protestant theology students were told at Oberlin, O. that their main job as ministers will be to make themselves "available as transmitters of the voice of Christ."

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, said a new "search of authority" is going on in the world today and Christ's voice is "mixed up with a lot of other voices."

Dr. Visser 't Hooft said the "whole point of the ministry is to participate in the ministry of Christ." In practice, he added, this means "living with the Scriptures."

Calling ministers both "slaves and spokesmen," the World Council official emphasized that "insofar as we are slaves and spokesmen, the minister has the same authority as Christ."

"This new search for authority itself is a recognition that there can be no Christianity unless there is a basic acceptance of the authority of Christ," he said.

REPORTS 50,000 LUTHERAN DEACONESSES IN 11 COUNTRIES

There are now 50,000 Lutheran deaconesses in 11 countries, Sister Marie Rorem of Chicago reported at Chicago.

She was a hostess to the 33rd biennial meeting of the Lutheran Deaconess Conference in America attended by 50 delegates.

In the United States about 400 deaconesses operate nine institu-

tions, Sister Rorem said.

She said the deaconesses are engaged in various types of Christian social work such as hospitals, other church institutions, foreign missions and city missions.

Eight sisters from five European countries were guests of the meeting, held in the Lutheran Deaconess Home and Hospital here. They were Sister Augusta Mohrmann of Berlin, Germany; Sister Ruth Piquist of Orebro, Sweden; Sister Margit Lotvedt of Bergen, Norway; Sister Helena Schmidt of Kaiserswerth, Germany; Sister Leni Muller of Nuremberg, Germany; Sister Martha Laitinen of Pieksamaki, Finland.

Germany has about 30,000 Lutheran deaconesses, Sister Rorem said. One of their current tasks is caring for refugees constantly arriving from the Soviet Zone.

MIDWEST PHYSICIANS, CLERGYMEN CONFER ON COOPERATION

More than 200 physicians and clergymen from seven midwestern states met at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa to discuss how they can cooperate in treating human ills.

Speakers from both groups agreed that a person's mental and spiritual outlook has much to do with his physical health.

Dr. William E. Hulme, professor of pastoral theology and pastoral counseling at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, said that because the human being is a total person whatever benefits his mind is likely to have good effects on his body.

Dr. William B. Bean, physician-in-chief of State University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City, told the conference that people who make prompt recoveries from illnesses are usually those who have faith, a sense of belonging, of worth and in general are mentally healthy.

Dr. Russell L. Dirks, professor of pastoral care at the Duke University,

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Prayer at the Lutheran World Assembly

Jesus spoke a parable to the intent that men ought to pray and never to give up. In this story, in the 18th century, a poor widow faces a hard judge who seems impatient in his refusal to consider her plea, but she does not lose heart and her persistent prayers, silent though they were, are heard. That God has encouraged us to believe that He is truly our Father and that we are truly His children and may boldly and confidently come to Him in prayer was evident in all the preparation for the Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation, as well as throughout these rich days.

Even a casual reading of the preparatory literature reveals the prayerful concern of those responsible for the program and all the details that concerned the Assembly days. Faced with the realization that they were about to make a confession of faith in the presence of the world and before the eyes of the world,—a confession that should clarify spiritual issues of today in a concise way, leaders and delegates, visitors and participants, approached the Assembly days with earnest prayer.

A formal service of prayer was held each day at the Lutheran Auditorium, Matins one day and Suffrages the next. It was wonderful to see literally thousands gathered at 9 o'clock in the morning for these services of prayer. Even the balconies were filled and some mornings crowded.

An hour earlier, at 8:00 a.m., a Service of Intercession was held at the Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium, half-mile from the place of the Assembly sessions. A group gathered for informal prayer services each morning. Leaders of these Services of Intercession were Dr. Erling Tungseth, who served instead of Dr. T. O.

By Karl J. Wilhelmsen, pastor at Racine, Wis. He had charge of three of the prayer services held at Minneapolis.

Burnatvedt, the convalescing President of the Lutheran Free Church, and (by Pastor Karl J. Wilhelmsen) the writer.

The group that met in the beautiful new chapel provided by the Lutheran Brotherhood was not large as Assembly audiences go, but the make-up of the group was most interesting. There were leaders and delegates from many lands, synodical presidents and laymen, pastors and missionaries. Several languages were used both in the intercessions and in the singing of hymns. Scriptures were read that would point toward the main topic of the plenary sessions for that day, and after a brief comment by the leader, prayers were offered as those present were moved to pray. Many expressed their appreciation that an informal service of prayer was also included in the Assembly program. One who evidently shared this feeling was the leader of a great Lutheran church in Asia. Daily he was with those who continued in prayer.

For the privilege of being present at the inspiring days of the Third Assembly, I thank God. For the courage and faith of men who faced harder things than the widow of Jesus' story but who never lost heart and spoke to us in simple words of their faith in Christ, I shall be forever grateful. And for the sincere petitions of humble, fellow believers from many lands, shared in a common fellowship of prayer, I give thanks to God. There will be abiding and increasing blessings reaching out to all the ends of the earth from the Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Minneapolis, and there will be many who will work with a greater joy and confidence that today, even as down through the centuries, Christ does truly free and unite men.

CHURCH NEWS

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Community School, Durham, N. C., proposed that every hospital have a pastor-counselor who is more than a chaplain.

SAYS U. S. LUTHERANS HAVEN'T FOUND CREEDAL DISCUSSION FORMULA

Lutherans of the United States have not yet found a formula for discussion with other Christians," a theologian told visitors attending a session of the Lutheran World Federation assembly in Minneapolis.

Whether we cooperate with other

Christians on a basis so vague that anyone can join, or we set up the standards of Lutheran confession-alism so that no one else can join," said Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, professor of historical theology at the University of Chicago.

"In other words, our confession-alism seems to face the choice of being either sectarian or nonde-script."

Dr. Pelikan suggested that the answer to the problem of finding a basis for work and discussion with other Christians lies in witness to the Lutheran Confessions.

But, he added, this witness should also be "to the ecumenical creeds

of the larger churches," or the Lutheran Church runs the danger of becoming a sect.

Lutherans usually begin with the Augsburg Confession and often do not even mention the three confessions of the ancient Church, he said.

"Without that witness to the confession of the whole Church, the confession of the Lutheran Church becomes sectarian," the theologian asserted. He cited as the three Creeds, the Nicene Creed and the of the Lutheran Church included in their Confession: the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed."

Third World Assembly

The Great Days at Minneapolis

Ten thousand voices were raised that opening night, August 15th, supported by choirs and Paul Manz at the five-manual organ, in singing the processional,

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation."

For the first time we heard the intonation and responses of our new liturgy. The newness was lost in the inspiration of the hour. For the first time, in our memory, Grundtvig's hymn to the Church, was sung by the largest assembly ever to sing it in English. As the organist went into the opening strains of the melody it seemed the assembly was ready for the timely lines of the hymn, as if they were written just for this occasion.

"Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,
Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling;
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting."

Out of Hungary's tribulation came the voice of its Lutheran Bishop Lajos Ordass in the sermon of the hour. What scripture would he use? What would he say? These and similar questions were in the hearts of many. Then as he stepped to the pulpit, a stately man and beyond all doubt a leader, he read the text from John 12:20 ff., "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Eighteen thousand of us listened for every word coming from the lips of a man who in great tribulation had remained true to Jesus. He went on,

"The only reason for our meeting here is we want to be with Jesus Christ. There were other people that day who did not know Jesus, so they came and asked. Are we clearly aware that not only the Greeks then, but countless numbers of men today also ask this?

"What is it in Jesus Christ which awakens our love, which satisfies and draws men? Christ frees from my own narrow selfishness and I get eternal life

"Martin Luther said of Jesus, 'Who has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature!' Are these dry statements? Only a lesson to be memorized? If someone in face of death, frozen in fear, has grasped this,—he has met in the words of Luther—jubilation. Jesus said 'If anyone follows me—where I am, there will my servant be.'

"You have heard these words from an aging servant—a personal testimony. How often has Christ not given him freedom and health especially in the trying hours! I am speaking to all of you, especially to you young people. I say to you—

By Lawrence Siersbeck, Secretary of the UELCO delegate to the Assembly.

Christ alone can set us free, Christ alone can us, nobody else!"

On to the close of the opening service we sang battle hymn of the Reformation "A mighty fortress our God." The Assembly sang now with an even greater unison.

In the Christian world we are continually trying to find better and more exact expression for our Christian witness. But will any witness ever speak with as vital and more definite appeal than the one who comes courageously out of tribulation?

THE PLENARY SESSIONS

Here at long rows of tables marked by banners representing 32 countries and 51 member Lutheran churches in the world sat the delegates and official visitors. If we had not done so before, now we did realize that this world may be one world, but it is still a big one. So also the Lutheran Church is one in spirit and it is also a great church. The principal languages spoken were German, Swedish and English. Other languages were used occasionally. For the benefit of the American audience, the loud speakers carried translations in English.

In the roll call at the opening plenary session a delegation from Hungary was greeted with a warm applause as they rose. The representatives of the Missouri Synod were also given a welcoming applause. These reactions did indicate in a way the brotherly spirit of the Assembly.

There were papers to be read by leading churches on the themes "The Freedom we have in Christ," "Unity of the Church in Christ," "The Freedom to reform the Church," "Free for Service in the World" and "Free and United in Hope." These themes were then submitted to 20 different groups, where they were discussed and where the ground work was done in preparation for the work of the drafting committees. In the morning sessions business was also conducted. Reports of the various commissions of the Lutheran World Federation were read and actions taken on the basis of these reports. Here too the elections were made, in which Dr. Frank Clark Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, was elected President of the Lutheran World Federation for the next five year term. Other members of the executive committee were also voted on here.

The morning sessions began with the matin service and the morning suffrages. The antiphonal singing of two seminary choruses was inspiring. Another group present at the Assembly was one of about 100 young people from many countries who had come as observers and representatives. These young people visited our camps, summer conferences, and many of our congregations and Lutheran leagues throughout the country.

ht of so many young people, not only from other out from our country, was welcome. Besides these vere hundreds of young men and women serv- pages, members of choirs and in many other ies. Even Miss Minnesota was there to help, who, re told, was active in the Sunday School and ctivities of her home congregation. If ever the of our Lutheran world faced youth in great num- was here. On the last day before the Youth they came in increasing numbers by buses and from all over the country. The Lutheran Church s 5th century under that name, but Minneapolis it is as young and vital as it has ever been. sight it was to see young heads bowed in saying t the tables in hotels and restaurants! Of course, people did too. Interesting to note that at the held in St. Paul there were so many of our youth.

Bishop Hanns Lilje

op Hanns Lilje addressed the picnickers with such nt humor that everyone, young and old, were re- to let him go. This genial man and retiring nt of the Lutheran World Federation is the of Hannover, but as president of the LWF he ery inch a bishop to the whole Lutheran World. are embodied great earnestness, understanding love for the Bible, talent for stimulating the an fellowship. His kindly sense of humor made one feel that a bishop can be very human and tanding.

BISHOP OTTO DIBELIUS

her voice from the east-west zone in and around was that of Bishop Otto Dibelius. In speaking "Mission to those in Need" Wednesday evening,

"The well-known American professor, Dr. Gregory, once said: 'You must not only say it, but also o it!' When late for his class, students knew he as helping someone,—an old woman whose basket as too heavy, a child weeping by itself along the ay . . . So the help to helpless and displaced persons around the world has come from our hristian neighbors who have been following Dr. regory's advice.

"I have seen what the mass movement of 20,000,- 00 people does to so many of them . . . the de- rading influence of Arabian camp life . . . the nditions in southeast Germany. Millions of hu- an beings, because of Lutheran World Action, ave been saved. I thank you for all you have een doing through Christ's giving love.

"We owe thanks to God for human mercy . . . here is a battle between the materialistic world d the Christian world. To my words the materi- ist would say, 'That was day before yesterday. e dictatorship must be firm with the individual make a new world.' This attitude confronts all Christendom with new trends to meet the situa- n. What was proclaimed by Christ and His

apostles is that the greatest element in the trans- formation of men is love—sacrificial love. Let us make this our prayer, 'Lord, give us what Thou commandest, and then command what Thou wilt?'"

Dr. Von Thadden, the leader of the Kirchentag, which attracts 100,000 or more people together from all parts of Germany for considering the Christian's life and responsibility, and also the responsibilities of the Church, spoke on the new movement in Germany. He asked,

"Are we faithful in using our freedom here as those in the east zone who have not this freedom? We are not called to conform, but to transform society about us, yes, to transform the whole area of our lives and society about us.

"In my imprisonment with many others, I have seen men borne up the first month with an illusionary hope and then collapse. I have seen brave men weep! Could this depression be overcome? I almost think this could be repeated in a larger dimension in a fear-ridden world.

"We can only change the world by our own personal reaction in sharing what we have received. The message of reconciliation of God seeking the whole world is not only a task for the clergy, nor the half-clergy, but for every one. Said Nietzsche, 'The Christians must show they are redeemed before I will believe they are redeemed.'"

VISITORS' PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC EVENTS

While the delegates and official visitors were busy in discussion sessions about the city, the visitors were treated to programs related to the work of the Federation. Here they were given opportunity to hear leaders from around the world. One person said, "I would not have missed the visitors' programs for anything!" "Confronting Man with the Gospel," "Church and State," "Nationalism and the Indigenous Church" were among the subjects treated at these sessions.

The evening public events were also outstanding. Besides the messages presented by our world leaders, some of the finest music we have heard was provided by the choirs of our colleges, massed choral groups, the Luther College Band, Lutheran World Federation Orchestra (mostly the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra), two large male choruses (antiphonal singing) and others.

There were many other programs from morning till evening. Among them were the prayer groups that met at the Lutheran Brotherhood Auditorium and Bible study groups at the new parish building in Central Lutheran Church early in the morning.

There were other speakers whose messages carried much weight and deserve mention. Those mentioned are samples of the character of the Assembly. Dr. O. F. Nolde's address on Friday evening, August 23rd, on the subject "Our Mission in International Affairs" was a right-to-the-point orientation in the area of our responsibility as Christian citizens. He said,

"As Christians we cannot yield to the inevitability of war and bloodshed, nor to the perpetuation

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The North Dakota-Montana District Convention

By Ejvind H. Nielsen

The North Dakota-Montana District convention was held in Ebenezer Lutheran Church, McCabe, Montana, June 23-25, 1957. This colony is commonly called Dane Valley. One is impressed by the simple beauty of this wheat valley with its gentle slopes and soil conservation methods.

On Sunday morning and afternoon, June 23, the fiftieth anniversary of Ebenezer Lutheran Church was held, and the Jubilee services were very impressive and edifying. People came from near and far to commemorate this important event in this beautiful country church. The church had been redecorated beautifully for the occasion. A complete account of the Jubilee was given some weeks ago in The Ansgar Lutheran by an Ebenezer member, so we shall not elaborate.

The Ebenezer congregation with its pastor, Rev. T. M. Hansen, and his wife had done all they could to give us some good days with much friendly hospitality shown to all who came to the Jubilee and the convention which followed. We were strengthened by the Christ-centered messages which we heard, and we enjoyed Christian fellowship with one another in the church and in the homes.

All the six pastors who are serving congregations at present in the North Dakota-Montana District were present, and there were 37 lay delegates in all. We were very happy to have with us several visiting pastors and their families for the fiftieth anniversary celebration of Ebenezer and for the District Convention. Two of these were former pastors of Ebenezer—namely: H. P. K. Hansen, Ft. Dodge, Iowa, and Alfred V. Andersen, Albert Lea, Minn. Mrs. Hansen is a daughter of the congregation. Then there were three sons of the congregation in the ministry—namely, Pastors Einer W. Olsen, Hussar, Alberta; Eugene G. Wekander, St. Paul, Nebr.; and Vernon L. Andersen, Hazard, Nebr. Also with us was Pastor Oscar Ice, Minot, N. D.

The theme of the District convention was "Giving Diligence to Keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace" Eph. 4:3. Pastor Silas Larsen, Kenmare, N. D., President of the N. D.-Mont. District, opened the convention, and the host pastor, Rev. T. M. Hansen brought the opening message of the convention Sunday evening, June 23. His topic was "The Christian Represents Christ." Using Eph 4:1-3 as his text he pointed out that since Christ has gone to heaven, He has given us the task of representing Him. The Liturgist was Pastor Silas Larsen.

Monday morning many gathered at the Lord's Table. Pastor Virgil Anderson, Flaxton, N. D., spoke on the text, Eph. 4:4-6 and used as his theme "Christ Unites." Pastor Anderson stressed that at the foot of the cross of atonement we can become "at one" with God through Jesus Christ. That is the first step of reconciliation with God. The Liturgist was Pastor T. M. Hansen.

On Monday afternoon the District topic "Congregational Gifts and Their Use" was presented by Pastor Cleo Hanson of Kenmare, N. D. He used as his text Eph. 4:7-16 and emphasized God's grace in Christ to the individual as a basic gift for the right use of every other gift which God bestows upon the members of the Christian congregation—gifts which we are to use in His service.

Also on Monday afternoon Pastor Oscar Ice of the A.L.C. representing the Lutheran Student Foundation spoke. He is the state director of Lutheran Student Service in North Dakota and lives in Minot, N. D. Pastor Ice made it plain that the Student Foundation reflects the concern of the Church for the students, and the Church must keep up its vital interest in the spiritual welfare of our students on the many college campuses.

On Monday evening we had the privilege of hearing Dr. C. C. Madsen, president of Dana College, speak on the subject "The Stewardship of a Church College." Using as his text Matth. 20:20-28 Dr. Madsen pointed out that there are no values that last for time and eternity except in Christ. He said that the particular task of the Christian College is to challenge our youth to give their lives to Christ and into Christian service in all walks of life.

For Tuesday morning devotions Pastor Alfred V. sen spoke on Col. 1:9-14 stressing that we are to be with the knowledge of God's will, to lead a life of the Lord, and to give thanks to our God.

On Tuesday afternoon at the W.M.S. program Dr. Madsen spoke on "The Divine Partnership of Teaching" basing his message on Acts 4:23-31 emphasizing that out God's blessing whatever we do is in vain. Since God has promised that His Word shall not return empty, we gladly share it wherever we are and go, beginning again.

At the afternoon and evening services a greeting was from our president of Synod, Dr. William Larsen. He led the convention with the words in Ephesians 2:10.

At the closing service Tuesday evening Pastor Larsen, Sidney, Montana, spoke on the topic "Newness of Life" using as his text Eph. 4:17-32 and emphasizing that God wants the right fellowship to exist between Him and us through Christ so that we are no longer alienated. We walk in newness of life as a fruit of saving faith.

The junior and senior choirs of Ebenezer enriched the services with their messages in song. Solos were sung by Pastor E. R. Leivestad (ELC), Froid, Mont. and Miss Sunwall, Sidney, Mont.

The business meetings were led by the president of the District, Pastor Silas Larsen. The president's and the secretary's reports were presented and received.

The Convention decided to resume support of the district congregation under the special arrangement made by the Home Mission Board of Synod.

It was decided that the Sunday School Committees continue their work in the District sponsoring a District Institute or Rally and that all Sunday School teachers be encouraged to attend the four-day Institute at Epping, Minn., conducted by the ELC.

It was decided to thank and encourage the persons of the Lutheran Welfare Societies working in our District in their program of service to those in need.

The convention decided to encourage all the conditions to support the youth work in their midst, especially the Luther League organization on the local and district level, and that we thank Pastors Silas Larsen and Dr. Anderson for their work in the presidency of the Luther League this past year.

The Convention decided to invite Pastor Paul J. J. missionary to Japan, to attend our District Convention in June, and that arrangements be made for his tour of the District, if this is possible for him.

The Convention commended the congregations of the District for their generous support of the cause of the World Action during the past year.

The Convention commended the Women's Missionary Society and their officers for their work on the district level this past year.

It was decided that a committee of three members be appointed to gather and compile a history of our District before the proposed merger of Synods is consummated.

The Convention congratulated Danville Lutheran Church of Westby, Nazareth Lutheran Church of Kenmare, and Ebenezer Lutheran Church of McCabe on having celebrated their 50th anniversaries this past year.

The Convention decided to elect a committee of members to serve as a Stewardship Committee within the District. Their duties shall be to give direction to the congregations on the Biblical concept of stewardship as inspiration and practical suggestions on ways to carry out this trust from God. It was decided that the vice president of District and the fifth member of the District shall function as the Stewardship committee.

It was decided to elect a Bible Camp committee for both East (for the Lutheran Bible Camp at Epping, N. D.) and for the West (for the Brush Lake Lutheran Bible Camp at Brush Lake, Mont.). Each committee should consist of 5 members, and each committee should have \$150.00 which to work in the Bible Camp it represents.

It was decided that the District should accept the \$1,000.00 obligation to North Dakota Lutheran Student Service work, suggested by the president of our Synod. This sum is to be paid over a period of three years.

The Convention decided that the District establish a minimum salary of \$3,600.00 for a pastor who serves a single Parish, and a minimum of \$4,000.00 for a pastor who serves a multiple Parish, and that the District Board is to make District funds available where a Parish is unable to pay this amount.

The Convention accepts with thanks the invitation of the La Lutheran Church in Sidney, Montana, to hold the 1958 District Convention there.

The report of Mr. Aril Sunwall, the treasurer of District, showed a balance of \$2,624.87 in the treasury as of June 1957.

The following proposed budget was adopted (for the coming year until next convention):

Regional Committee	\$ 100.00
Sunday School Committees	150.00
Pastors' Mileage	125.00
Office Supplies and Postage	25.00
Northgate Community Lutheran Church	300.00
Lutheran Student Service (\$285.00 to North Dakota and \$235.00 to Montana) ..	520.00
Printing of Convention Booklets	125.00
Contingencies	100.00
Lutheran Welfare Societies	600.00
The Bible Camps	300.00
For District Board Secretarial Help	200.00
Total	\$2,545.00

The election results of the convention were as follows:

President, Pastor Silas Larsen, Kenmare, N. D.
 Vice-president, Pastor Stanley Larsen, Sidney, Montana
 Secretary, Pastor Ejvind H. Nielsen, Westby, Montana
 Treasurer, Mr. Aril Sunwall, Sidney, Montana
 Youth Member, Mr. Clarence Christensen, Westby, Montana

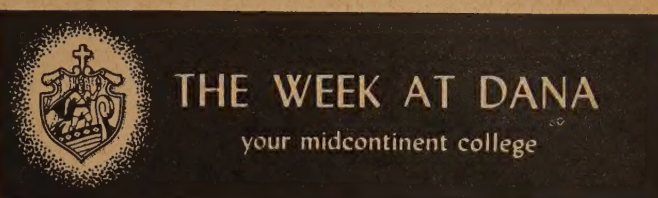
Sunday School Committees:

East — Pastor Silas Larsen
 Mr. L. Whitworth, Bowbells, N. D.
 West — Pastor Theo. M. Hansen, McCabe, Montana
 Miss Marie Andersen, Westby, Montana

Bible Camp Committees:

East — Pastor Cleo D. Hanson, Kenmare, N. D.
 Mr. Enoch Christensen, Flaxton, N. D.
 West — Pastor Ejvind H. Nielsen
 Mr. Fred Iversen, Sidney, Montana

Editors: Mr. Carl Dahlgaard, Westby, Montana
 Mr. Syl Braaten, Sidney, Montana



The process of higher education is beginning another swing through time. College campuses across the country are shedding their garb of peace and serenity and are, in turn, wrapping themselves in the hub-bub of activity that denotes college life.

Whatever a college is or does, whatever it has been or will be, it must act in terms of the student. He, after all, is the reason a college exists. Every year, more and more students are going to college. So it is also at Dana. Enrollment figures show an increase of 15 per cent over last year, with students representing 18 states, and 2 foreign countries. Total 1957 enrollment: 293.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS

Every day, campus activities pick up more momentum, but so far the 1957 Dana football squad has out-shone other activities, as far as the amount of work goes, at least. As was mentioned in last week's column, the Vikings take on Midland College's Warriors September 14. Other games are as follows:

Sept. 21	Dana at Wayne 8 p.m.
Sept. 27	Concordia here 8 p.m.
Oct. 4	Dana at Westmar 8 p.m.
Oct. 12	Carthage here 8 p.m.
Oct. 19	Dana at Tarkio 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Sterling here (HOMECOMING) 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Sioux Falls here 8 p.m.

We at Dana would like to take this opportunity to invite you, our friends, to our 1957 football games. The 36-man squad has been working hard, under the leadership of Bruce Rolloff, Dana's new head coach.

HOMECOMING OCT. 25

Plans for the 1957 Homecoming celebration are well under way. A very capable student committee has been working long hours to make the arrangements for the annual get-together. It is hoped that this year will see as many Alumni returning to the Dana campus as is humanly possible. October 25, 26, and 27 are the dates set for the celebration. Festivities will begin with the crowning of the 1957 Homecoming Queen Friday night and will close with a morning worship service Sunday.

Early registrations from Alumni throughout the country are being received. The Homecoming committee asks that housing requests be made as early as possible. These should be addressed to Mary Effken, Dana College.

Dana's future growth will proudly be hailed, with the theme:

"RISE UP AND SING OUR SONG."

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

YOUTH HAD ITS PART

The presence of His almighty power could be sensed as 25,000 people, made up largely of youth, worshiped together in the name of Jesus Christ under the theme "Christ Makes Youth More Than Free!" This was the feeling I experienced as I listened intently to the 5,000 voice choir sing forth triumphantly "God's Son Has Made Us Free." A chill went up my spine as I prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison with the multitude of people gathered for the Lutheran World Federation Youth Rally at Parade Stadium in Minneapolis, Saturday evening, August 24. Greatly impressed with the program of the evening, I walked away sensing the everlasting truth expressed by a fine Christian gentleman, known by many as the greatest personality in the Protestant church, Bishop Hanns Lilje, "Christ is here with us."

Climaxing the summer vacation for me, I went from the LWF convention voicing impressions like: "Tremendous," "sensational," "The greatest experience of my life."

After giving my general over-all impression, I might relate some of my experiences at Onamia, Minnesota where the Lutheran World Youth Conference was held within the ALC Memorial Camp on beautiful Lake Onamia, August 5-11.

At Onamia the 130 young people, 60 from the United States and 70 from abroad, came together to worship, study, relate impressions and ideas, and have wholesome Christian fun. Here too, as at the LWF assembly in Minneapolis, the undying Christian atmosphere made one "feel good all over."

Each day at camp was like a new illustrious chapter in a realistic story book. We began our study each day by studying a chapter from the powerful book of Ephesians. By doing so, we came to a better Christian

understanding concerning the summing up of all this through Christ in the Church portrayed in chapters 1-3, and results this great truth should have on present life in this world, chapters 4-6.

Lutheran youth around the world shared impressions, experiences, ideas, and differences concerning methods that should be employed to successfully reach the young people of today. Informal discussions noted camp life as everyone was eager to talk freely and intelligently on aspects of Christ's purpose for youth.

Highlighting the day was the cultural exchange dinner presented daily by each of the national groups in attendance. An excellent dinner, as all meals were, was followed by a colorful and entertaining program depicting the culture of the land. These programs brought countless surprises which concerned anything from recreation and college life to drama in the church, tribal customs in India.

At Onamia and at Minneapolis one thing was definitely apparent, namely, Christians want to be together and will go to great lengths to achieve harmony through Christ.

I hope that I have to some extent portrayed, from the standpoint of a youth my impressions of these two great events which characterize Lutherans' struggle for closer ties in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Perhaps though, I am most happy because youth has its part. "Today we follow—tomorrow we lead," is an old familiar saying. With the help of God, may we lead wisely! I thank my church for giving me the opportunity to represent them.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Myrvin F. Christopherson

I Was in Minneapolis

By Elizabeth Lundberg

uth from all over the world gathered together today, August 24, in Minneapolis, for the Lutheran Federation Youth Rally. Luther Leaguers from over the United States and Canada and youth representatives from other countries assembled at Central Lutheran Church and marched down Nicollet Avenue, singing hymns and bearing witness to their Lord Christ who frees and unites.

On Saturday evening, the Minneapolis Parade Stadium was filled to overflowing for the Youth Rally service. The theme of the service was "Christ Makes Youth Free Than Free."

A prelude of concert music was presented by the Junior College Concert Band of Decorah, Iowa. After fine selections, a processional was played during which representatives from many countries, each carrying their native flag, filed into the stadium and took seats on the platform.

After the service opened, the voices of the continents joined in the "Plights of Youth in Today's World." Following this, the congregation joined in singing "O Wonderful Saviour."

Ms. Joseph Wong, a youth witness originally from China, told of how she had come from an idol-worshipping family, but had come to know Christ as her personal Saviour.

After the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," John 8:36 was read: "If the Son therefore shall set you free, you shall be free indeed." Youth from Spain, Africa, France and many other countries repeated this verse, each in their native tongue.

Bishop Hanns Lilje, past president of the Lutheran Federation and main speaker of the evening, delivered a challenging message on the theme, "Serve Christ Now." He pointed out that we, as youth, must serve Christ now. He presented a real challenge to youth.

All Lutheran youth choir under the direction of Mrs. Overby, music director of the E.L.C. sang several songs during the service.

Everyone joined in the affirmation of faith and received the benediction pronounced by Bishop Lilje. The evening service came to an end with the assembled youth singing "Lead On, O King Eternal."

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People and Places

West Canada Convention:

The West Canada District Luther League will hold its annual convention, October 18-20, in Bethany Lutheran Church, Tilley, Alberta. The convention theme is "Christ Frees and Unites." Pastor George Robertson, our Synodical Youth Director, will be the guest speaker. Pray for God's blessing and plan to be with us at Tilley. Signed: E. W. Olsen, President.

Farmington, Minnesota:

The Farmington Luther League was host to leaguers from St. Peter's of Northfield and St. John of Rosemount on Sunday evening, September 1. After a short devotional, there was a discussion led by a panel and centered upon questions submitted by the group. The panel consisted of a league representative from each of the three leagues and Pastors Robert Hansen of Farmington and Jown W. Nielsen of Northfield. Games and refreshments closed the evening.

Northfield, Minnesota:

Carol Madsen of Kenmare, North Dakota, and Noel Petersen of Minden, Nebraska, members of the Synodical Luther League Caravan Team, met with members of the Senior Luther League to analyze their program and discuss plans for the coming school year.

BY THE FIRESIDE

LIP SERVICE

The following anonymous poem came to our attention many years ago. Only recently did we discover its source. It is engraved on an old slab in the Cathedral of Lübeck, Germany.

Ye call Me Master and obey Me not,
Ye call Me light and see Me not,
Ye call Me Way and walk not,
Ye call Me Life and desire Me not,
Ye call Me wise and follow Me not,
Ye call Me fair and love Me not,
Ye call Me rich and ask Me not,
Ye call Me eternal and seek Me not,
Ye call Me gracious and trust Me not,
Ye call Me noble and serve Me not,
Ye call Me mighty and honour Me not,
Ye call Me just and fear Me not.
If I condemn you, blame Me not.

TIRED OR LAZY

There is a legend at Harvard that the late Le Baron Russell Briggs, beloved dean of the college, once asked a student why he had failed to complete an important assignment.

"I wasn't feeling very well, sir," said the student.

"Mr. Smith," said the dean, "I think that in time you may perhaps find that most of the work of the world is done by people who aren't feeling very well."

I have often thought of this remark and wondered whether Dean Briggs, a man of none too robust health, may not have been feeling a little seedy himself when he uttered it; whether he may not have dragged himself to the office that morning only because he put his responsibilities ahead of his comforts.

The dean knew that there is such a thing as a sensibly prudent attitude toward one's health. But he also knew that the symptoms of fatigue and of laziness are practically identical; that it is hard to tell the difference between not feeling well and not feeling like doing a hard job. He knew, too, that the wise man who has an assignment to complete by Friday has done so much of it on Tuesday and Wednesday that a headache Thursday will not matter much.

He knew the difference between the fellow who plans the jobs he has to do and fits his pleasures into the chinks between them, and the fellow who plans his pleasures and then begins to think of his responsibilities.

Again and again, Dean Briggs' remark comes back to me on those dismal mornings when it seems outrage-

ous that anybody should have to settle down to work at nine o'clock. And I start laughing at myself, and presently I feel more like buckling down and doing the thing that has to be done. —This Week.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father, with thankful and humble hearts we appear before thee. We would thank thee for all the benefits that we have received from thy goodness. It is to thy blessing we owe what success we have found. Every opportunity for doing good, every impulse in the right way, each victory we have gained over ourselves, every thought of thy presence, O Father, every silent but loving glance on the example of our Pattern, thy Son our Lord—all are alike thy gifts to us.

Give us strength and wisdom to walk faithfully and joyfully in the way of willing obedience to thy laws, and cheerful trust in thy love.

The best thanksgiving we can offer to thee is to live according to thy holy will; grant us every day to offer it more perfectly, and to grow in the knowledge of thy will and the love thereof evermore; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen. —Michael Sailer

BARE FEET

By Caroline Henning Bair

When school was out, we shelled the corn

To plant the field the coming morn.
The air was fresh, the sky was blue,
Our happy hearts were singing, too.
"Take off your shoes," our father said,
"The ground is soft on which to tread."
How eagerly we longed to feel
The cool, moist earth on toe and heel.

We dropped the kernels, one by one,
Until our childish task was done.
Then home to supper and to bed,
While stars were singing overhead.
We nibbled apples from the bin
While mother softly tucked us in.
All through our dreams we still could feel
The cool, moist earth on toe and heel.

The years have passed, and we have grown
And many a weary task we've known.
Sometimes the furrow's deep and long,
And we can scarcely sing a song.
But God the Father makes us feel
His cooling touch on brow and heel,
As safely on from day to day
He goes before—to mark the way.

—Free Methodist

A HAPPY MAN

The happy man was born in the City of Regeneration, in the Path of Repentance unto Life. He was educated in the School of Obedience, works at the trade of Diligence, does many jobs of Self-denial.

He owns a large estate in the Country of Christian Contentment, wears the plain garments of Humility. He breakfasts every morning on the Word of God, and sups every evening on the same. He also has "means" that the world knows not of.

He has Gospel Submission in his conduct, Due Order in his affections, Sound Peace in his conscience, Satisfying Love in his soul, Real Divinity in his breast, True Humility in his heart, the Redeemer's yoke on his neck, the world under his feet, a Crown of Glory over his head. In order to obtain this, he prays fervently, believes firmly, waits patiently, works abundantly, redeems his soul, guards his sense, loves Christ, longs for glory. —John Bunyan

A PLEASANT VOICE

Did you read the same want ad some time ago? "Wanted: Experienced woman for telephone work. Must have pleasant voice, part or full time." I am sure the busily placing this ad meant that the pleasant voice was needed, and not the pleasant voice could be part or full time! Some of us household makers may have some trouble having only part-time pleasant voice. It takes a lot of love, determination, self-control, and prayer even to have a pleasant voice full time. —Ruth Stoltzfus, Heart to Heart Program.

"I took a train one day to see if I could get away from me. Though swift and far the engine sped, Myself went hurrying on ahead. I hurried through a secret door— Myself had entered there before. I went into a room to hide— Myself already was inside. However fast and far I flee, I cannot get away from me."

Many occupations got their name in a strange way. A stationer was one who had a station or stand in a local market place for the sale of books.

An upholsterer was one who occasionally "held up" his wares in order to show them off.

Haberdashery used to be peddled in haversacks, a Scandinavian word from which it got its name. Millinery came originally from Milan in Italy.

—Ireland's Saturday Night

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e serve the Lord by freely con-
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nan when we preach from our
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an assurance that "those who
their knees to the Lord who gave

them their freedom, will never bow
down to the lords and powers of this
world," the East German church lead-
er went on to assert that in suffering
of persecution a church "which keeps
its eyes unwaveringly on the Lord to
come will be able to avoid these
three forms of hopelessness:

**"Defeatism, which is resigned re-
treat into the great ghetto of quietis-
tic inwardness;**

**"Compromise, which is adopting of
certain elements of man-made relig-
ions or ideologies for the sake of a
foul peace; and**

"A purely negative political resist-

**ance, sadly deploring the loss of the
social systems of a past age and for-
getting that the Lord of history is
and remains the Crucified One who
uses no other means but Word and
Sacrament until He reveals His great
power on the last day."**

"Suffering ever rekindles the flame
of the church's hope and keeps it from
being snuffed out. Tribulations rouse
the church to witness and, if need be,
even to martyrdom. This witness is
today, as always, a seed of hope," the
church leader from the Iron Curtain
concluded.

THIRD WORLD ASSEMBLY

(Continued from Page 7)

f injustice. In order to bridge the gap between a
world of peace and justice as envisioned by Chris-
tians and the actual world of today, Christians
must advocate the following policies: 1) the ap-
plication of moral force for the solution of world
problems; 2) be willing to take positive calculated
risks to break international impasses; 3) make
efforts to remove injustices by processes of peace-
ful change, where individuals act upon their own
initiative or upon recommendation of international
organs such as the United Nations; 4) develop-
ment of reconciliation into a new dynamic force
for inter-government relations; and 5) mutual as-
sistance that will anticipate needs and inevitable
future developments. . . . Justice requires that the
eyes of our so-called Western world be opened and
that mutual assistance go forward wisely and co-
operatively."

WE WERE THERE

ut the third evening two members of the UELC
ounted at least 49 pastors of our church present
assembly. It may be that the number by the
as close to 75. Several of our pastors from the
oast had made the long trip to witness the Assem-
work. Surely this indicates a vital interest in the
of the church at large. These men and our lay-
will carry back to their parishes a new and a bet-
understanding of the witness of our Church in the
of today and tomorrow. Not one of us will ever
ever forget the Third World Assembly. Every
ere will also agree that the City of Minneapolis
ur Lutheran churches in the area provided the
hospitality and warmest welcome. It has proven
a Lutheran capital.

OUTCOMES OF THE ASSEMBLY

Assembly has strengthened the bond of fellow-
ship of Lutherans around the world. We sat down to-
gether, worshipped together, laughed together and
prayed together. The only way fellowship can be
strengthened as such is by personal contact. As the

days moved along we became increasingly aware that
we belonged together, and that underneath it all grew
the eternal bond of union in Christ. Nor was it the kind
of bond that isolated us from other Christians in the
world. For this reason there were representatives from
other bodies in the World Council of Churches, among
them Dr. W. A. Visser t' Hooft, whose presence and
participation were stimulating in the general and group
sessions.

The Assembly made us aware of the variety of back-
ground in which our Church is working. There were
those from behind the iron curtain, those from the Ger-
man and Scandinavian countries, Hungary and other
southern European nations, the Lutherans from the con-
tinents and the islands of the earth. We learned how
and why others of our people thought and worked as
they did. We learned that this is a more complex world
than we thought it was. And then we thought back to
the first day of Pentecost, how the Holy Spirit moved
the disciples to speak and act. In the variety of this
background we became increasingly conscious of our
need for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in understand-
ing the Lord's will.

When Jesus commanded us to go into all the world
and make disciples of all men, baptizing and teaching
them all He has taught, He also gave us problems to
solve. Every generation, every age has had and will
always have new situations. For each one of these the
Word of God holds an answer. God challenges us to find
the answers. This is another reason the Lutheran World
Assembly is so important. Here we meet, share our
problems, confront our tasks and ask what the will of
God is. Here we repent of our sins together, unite in
a common bond of faith for the purpose of going for-
ward in faith.

The Assembly confronted us with new and larger
challenges. For having come together, having been
strengthened in fellowship, having been confronted
with the need of all men for Jesus Christ, we now must
seek together every means to make the Gospel known
in a divided and confused world, to help bind its wounds,
alleviate its suffering, to become as Luther put it—a

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*Synodical Budget comprises: (1) Children's Homes, (2) School Fund, (3) General,
(4) Home Mission, (5) Indian Mission, (6) Pension Fund.
**Extra-Synodical Comprises: (F) Foreign Mission (where most needed), (So.) South America,
(Ja.) Japan, (Sa.) Santal, (Su.) Sudan, (J) Jewish, (Ch.) China.

	Fiscal Year	Calendar Year	Extra- Synodical**
Previously acknowledged (August 31, 1957)	95268.28	31515.04	44135.57
Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church	1168.86		
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church	611.60	542.60	
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church for: Santal Mission \$120; Japan Mission \$100; Sudan Mission \$100	320.00		320.00
Fresno, Calif., Bethel Luth. Church	100.00		
Aurora, Colo., St. Mark's Luth. Church	150.00	100.00	Ja. 50.00
Coulter, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church, from Rev. J. E. Jacobsen	43.40		So. 43.40
Westbrook, Me., Trinity Luth. Church, given by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Jorgan Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kloth, Mr. and Mrs. Laurids Warming and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Warming, in memory of Fred Peterson	5.00		Ja. 5.00
Culbertson, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. S. S. from Miss Sharon Larsen	2.00		Ja. 2.00
Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Haggrupt Hansen, for Home Mission	5.00	5.00	
Sidney, Mont., Pella Foreign Mission Society—\$5.00 of this amount from Mrs. Soren Nelson in memory of Chester Hansen	140.21		Su. 140.21
Plainview, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church	54.30	54.30	
Cushing, Nebr., St. John's Luth. Church, Ladies Aid, in memory of Mrs. G. K. Jacobsen	7.36	7.36	
Bostwick, Nebr., Bethel Luth. Church of Abdal, in memory of Carl E. Thomsen by the Abdal congregation and friends	50.00	50.00	
Penn Yan, N. Y., St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Church	152.68	152.68	
Flaxton, N. Dak., United Luth. Church	37.48		Su. 37.48
Eugene, Ore., Bethesda Luth. Church by Hans Nielsen	24.30		(F) 24.30
Racine, Wis., Gethsemane Ev. Luth. Church	1000.00	1000.00	
Dickson, Alta., Canada, Sorin Jensen	25.00		Su. 25.00
Kankakee, Ill., Trinity Luth. S. S., Daily Vacation Bible School for Children's Home \$19; Foreign Missions \$19.85	38.35	19.00	(F) 19.35
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church from Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Jensen for African Seminary Student Gift	50.00		Su. 50.00
Scranton, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen, Glidden, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christensen, Scranton, Ia., for support of native Evangelist	10.00		Sa. 10.00
Lincoln, Nebr., Synodical Women's Missionary Society Treasurer:			
NEBRASKA DISTRICT—Altura Ladies Aid, Aurora, Colo., in memory of C. J. Schafer	10.00		So. 10.00
Fredericksburg Ladies Aid, Minden, Nebr., for Margaret Nissen's Medical Expense	61.19		Su. 61.19
Lutheran Guild, Blair, Nebr.	5.00		So. 5.00
Luth. Guild, Blair, Nebr., for Margaret Nissen's Medical Expense	57.90		Su. 57.90
First Luth. Churchwomen, Fremont, Nebr.	111.84		Ja. 111.84
Women of the Church, Fremont Bluffs, Nebr., for Margaret Nissen's Medical Expense	83.65		Su. 83.65
First English Luth. Mission Soc., Brush, Colo., for Margaret Nissen's Medical Exp.	140.80		Su. 140.80
W. C. S., Davey, Nebr., for Margaret Nissen's Medical Expense	12.00		Su. 12.00
W. C. S., Davey, Nebr., for Silver Anniversary	5.75	5.75	
Bethany Ladies Aid, Plainview, Nebr., for Silver Anniversary	73.00	73.00	
WISCONSIN DISTRICT			
Our Saviour's WMS, Racine, Wis., for South American Translation Fund	50.00		So. 50.00
St. Mary's WMS, Kenosha, Wis., for 3 mo. salary for Santal Mission worker	43.20		Sa. 43.20
St. Mary's WMS, Kenosha, Wis., for 3 mo. salary for Sudan Mission worker	25.00		Su. 25.00
Our Sav. King's Daughters, Denmark, Wis., for So. Amer. Translation Fund	25.00		So. 25.00
Our Sav. King's Daughters, Denmark, Wis., for Gen. Mission Fund	27.97		(F) 27.97
Wisconsin District WMS for Sept. 1957 salary for Helen M. Jacobsen	70.00		Su. 70.00
MINNESOTA DISTRICT			
Jr. Mission Society, Hutchinson, Minn.	10.00		So. 10.00
Jr. Mission Society, Hutchinson, Minn.	10.00		Su. 10.00
Jr. Mission Society, Hutchinson, Minn.	10.00		Ja. 10.00
Minnesota District WMS for Silver Anniversary	3.00	3.00	
PACIFIC DISTRICT			
Bethel Ladies Aid, Fresno, Calif., for Silver Anniversary	5.00	5.00	
Our Sav. Ladies Aid, Ferndale, Calif., for Silver Anniversary	3.00	3.00	
IOWA DISTRICT			
Bethany Willing Workers, Viborg, S. D.	15.00		So. 15.00
St. Paul's Ladies Aid, Neola, Ia., for Life Memberships for Mrs. Willard Benson and Mrs. Stanley Nelson	13.50		So. 13.50
Flaxton, N. Dak., United Luth. Church from Rev. and Mrs. Virgil R. Anderson for Pension Fd.	5.00	5.00	
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church	100.00	100.00	
Neeah, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	300.00	300.00	
Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Church	50.00	50.00	
Clinton, Wis., Pella Sunday School	5.43		Sa. 5.43
Neola, Ia., Rev. and Mrs. Harry Sorensen	10.00		So. 10.00
Detroit, Mich., Northwest Trinity Luth. Church	400.00	400.00	
Viborg, S. Dak., Bethany Luth. Church	135.49		
Hartland, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	250.00	200.00	
TOTALS	101391.54	34590.73	45659.79

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, September 7, 1957.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

THE PACIFIC DISTRICT

Announcement is hereby made to all congregations of the Pacific District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church that the Fifty-third Annual Convention of this District will convene at San Francisco, California, October 17-20, 1957, with Ansgar Lutheran Church as host congregation.

All congregations of this District are respectfully invited to arrange to have a full complement of delegates present (1 delegate for every fifty members, or fraction thereof, 21 years of age or over); all Pastors will please arrange to attend; and other repre-

sentatives and visitors will be cordially welcome.

The Prayers of all congregations are desired that God's guidance and blessing may rest upon the Convention and the work of our District.

Pastor Christian Justesen, President
Pastor H. Milton Petersen, Secretary

Ansgar Lutheran Church, 152 Church St. San Francisco, California, hereby extends its invitation to pastors, delegates and friends of the Pacific District, to attend the 53rd Annual Convention to be held from October 17-20, 1957.

Guests are asked to send the reservations directly to the church no later than October 7. Please list names of persons in your party and who you desire lodging in private homes or motels, or if you are making your own arrangements. Also specify when you plan to arrive.

It would also be most helpful if the host congregation if you will indicate whether or not you believe you will attend the banquet Saturday night, which will be held in one of San Francisco's restaurants or hotels.

Spencer S. Petersen, Pastor
Anker M. Andersen, President

THIRD WORLD ASSEMBLY

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t to our fellow men. In closing statements, Dr. r M. Carlson said,

"There is the possibility that we have waited too long to give justice and freedom and equality to the oppressed races of the world, and that we shall not be permitted to make any great contribution or claim any credit for what is happening. Perhaps in God's providence they must themselves take the decisive steps in order that they may stand with self-respect and confidence in a new world. If that should be true, let us at least stand with bowed head, in penitence for our sins and in prayer for their success.

"Each of you will know of many things that should have been said about the Christian free man's service to the world which have not been

said. And perhaps this is as it should be. Christ calls each of us as one who has been made free through His grace and points us to the world that is nearest to us. It is there we must serve. I could close by reminding you that it was Martin Luther who said, 'For this was the reason why He put off the form of God and took on the form of a servant, that He might draw down our love for Him and fasten it on our neighbor.'"

Soon the 51 Theses referred to the member bodies of of the Lutheran World Federation for study will be available to everyone. These sentences reveal the thinking of World Lutherans. They will require careful thinking, much serious discussion. A cursory reading will not reveal much, but a prayerful and purposeful study will, we believe, enrich the life of the one who studies them. They are not couched in the catchy phrases of the newspaper. They deal with great truths that can only be cloaked in enduring language.

NEWS AND NOTES

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fifty Christian men and women not only thought and spoke on basis of fundamental Christian ples but also had a degree of insight into some phase of the et. There were leaders in parish tion in their respective churches, workers, sociologists, psychia- lawyers, theological professors, tors in church colleges and uni- ies, medical doctors. These came all of the Lutheran churches in ica (S. S. Kaldahl, Stanley Lar- and the undersigned represented United Evangelical Lutheran ch). Several had come from e—Germany and Norway—, and lively participation was very ul to all of us and indicated to at they are giving hard thinking me of the very problems which rn us. Note these lecture and

discussion topics, for instance, "A Theology of Marriage," "A Theology of Divorce and Remarriage," "A Christian Interpretation of Sex and Sex Instruction."

The contents of the seminar will shortly appear in printed form. It

will be accessible to pastors and Christian lay educators. We believe it will be very valuable to all who are trying to deal seriously and realistically with any and all of the problems related to the family and Christian education.

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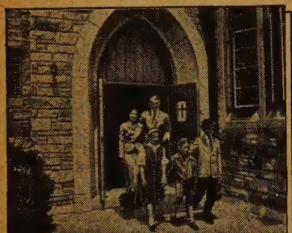
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